

WEATHER FORECAST.

Rain and warmer to-day; to-morrow
cloudy and much colder.

Highest temperature yesterday, 38; lowest, 27.
Detailed weather reports will be found on Editorial page.

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PRICE TWO CENTS

IN NEW YORK CITY.

THREE CENTS
WITHIN 500 MILES
FOUR CENTS ELSEWHERE.NAVY OFFICE GOES
TO DENBY, CABINET
VIRTUALLY FILLED

Michigan Man Picked for
the Portfolio Has Wide
Range of Experience
in That Field.

HOOVER IS CONSIDERING

Davis, Duncan and Nolan
Are Rivals for Labor De-
partment, Only Post
Left Open.

EXPECT SELECTION SOON

Announcement of Acceptance
of Commerce Office by Her-
bert Hoover Is Pre-
dicted To-day.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
ST. AUGUSTINE, Feb. 22.—President-elect Harding's Cabinet virtually is complete. He has to receive from Edwin Denby of Michigan an acceptance of his offer of the Secretaryship of the Navy, and to decide between two, or possibly three, men for Secretary of Labor. The final selection for the latter place may not be made for a day or two, but the slate as it stands now, with little chance of any change, is as set forth in the adjoining column.

The choice of the man who is to head the Labor Department appears to be the only one about which there may be doubt, and it is possible that it, too, has been made. James J. Davis of Pennsylvania seems to be in the lead, but conflicting influences that have been brought to bear within the last day or two regarding this place make any announcement premature in advance of an official statement.

Davis Still Leading.

Mr. Davis has been one of the enigmas of the situation. His strength has been apparent since his name first was introduced among the Cabinet possibilities. His standing as a labor man has been challenged; the question of his residence has been disputed; but after every conference his name has remained well up among the list of possibilities. James Duncan of Massachusetts, a vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and Representative John I. Nolan of California, a member of the iron molders' organization, whose name also has been mentioned, appear to be alternatives in Mr. Harding's mind.

Some weeks ago Mr. Harding suggested the possibility of a surprise to the correspondents forecasting Cabinet selections. Mr. Harding was a good prophet. News of the selection of Edwin Denby of Detroit as Secretary of the Navy came in advance of any suggestion that he was under serious consideration. Mr. Denby's acceptance of the Navy portfolio might have been announced to-day had it not been for the blizzard that interrupted telephonic communication between Florida and the North last night. It is expected to be in Mr. Harding's hands to-morrow.

Three Terms in Congress.

Mr. Denby will bring to the Navy Department a knowledge of its affairs gathered as former member of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House. He served as a gunner's mate in the Spanish war, and in the world war started as a sergeant of marines, and now is a Major in the Officers' Reserve Corps. Mr. Denby was born in Evansville, Ill. His father was American Minister to China in the '80s, and during his father's service there young Denby was for a time employed as a clerk in the Chinese Imperial Customs Service. After returning to America he settled in Detroit, was three times elected to Congress and served as a member of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House.

Announcement of Herbert Hoover's acceptance of the Commerce portfolio is expected to be made to-morrow. There appears to have been much less uncertainty concerning this place than last minute reports from Mr. Hoover would indicate. Mr. Harding put a check opposite Mr. Hoover's name some time ago, and it went into the list with those of Hughes and Daugherty. It is well understood by every one who has been studying Mr. Harding's Cabinet selection that Mr. Hoover, like Mr. Hughes, will be making a considerable sacrifice from the viewpoint of annual earnings by taking a Cabinet office.

Just before noon to-day a telegram to Herbert Hoover was despatched from Mr. Harding's headquarters here. Within an hour a replying telegram was received to the effect that Mr. Hoover was not in his office and not at that moment available. However, the telegram proceeded, Mr. Hoover would be at a certain address in New York at 4 o'clock. The telephone number of that house was included in the message.

Promptly at 4 o'clock telephone connections were made between here and the given address, and Mr. Harding and Mr. Hoover talked for nearly fifteen minutes. It is more than mere conjecture that Mr. Hoover asked Mr. Harding to give him twelve hours in which to make his final decision. It is understood Mr. Hoover pleaded that it was imperative that he first interview friends with whom he had made tentative business agreements.

Mr. Harding to-day confirmed the impression that was created when he announced the appointment of Mr. Hughes as Secretary of State. He was asked

Unofficial Lineup
of Harding Cabinet

THIS appears to be the Cabinet decided on by President-elect Harding, although there has been no final announcement:

SECRETARY OF STATE—

Charles E. Hughes, New York.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY—Andrew W. Mellon, Pennsylvania.

SECRETARY OF WAR—John W. Weeks, Massachusetts.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—Harry M. Daugherty, Ohio.

POSTMASTER GENERAL—Will H. Hays, Indiana.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY—Edwin Denby, Michigan.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR—Albert B. Fall, New Mexico.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE—Henry C. Wallace, Iowa.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE—Herbert C. Hoover, California.

SECRETARY OF LABOR—James J. Davis, Pennsylvania.

Questioned at the Metropolitan Opera House last night concerning his reported appointment as Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Hoover said:

"It is true that Senator Harding and I have had a conversation over the telephone this evening as to my accepting a post in the Cabinet. Naturally these are matters requiring consideration, and equally they are not matters for me to discuss now."

PET CAT ATTACKS

CHILD AND MOTHER

Jealousy Aroused by Arrival

of Two Children at Its

Home.

BITES BABY'S SHOULDER

Mother Battles With Animal

Fifteen Minutes in Protect-

ing Infant.

Poodles, a big red and white cat

belonging to the family of John J.

Reardon of 506 West 166th street, be-

came crazed with jealousy yesterday

afternoon when Mrs. Reardon started

to feed her eight-months-old son. Be-

fore his purpose could be detected the

animal leaped at the child, scratched

and bit him a dozen times and then

turned on Mrs. Reardon and inflicted

more than thirty wounds on her chest

and arms. For almost fifteen minutes

Mrs. Reardon, alone with the baby and

a second son, Eugene, 2½ years, fought

desperately to protect herself and

finally succeeded in locking the

cat in the parlor.

The Reardons moved into the house

yesterday, taking over the apartment

of Mr. Reardon's mother, who died last

week. For several months the cat had

been cared for by Mr. Reardon's sister,

and the advent of another woman

with two little children aroused his

anger. In the forenoon, soon after the

children came to the house, Poodles

retreated to a dark corner. He came

out after luncheon and made an at-

tempt to play with Mrs. Reardon.

But the children were taking her at-

tention and she had no time to bother

with Poodles.

About 2 o'clock the elder child asked

for milk, and after giving him a glass-

ful Mrs. Reardon prepared a bottle for

the infant. Poodles was in the parlor

when the child entered and started

to take the baby on her lap.

There was a cry from the cat and his

body shot through the air. He passed

under Mrs. Reardon's arm and landed

on the child.

Mrs. Reardon's first thought was that

the big, lazy animal was playing. She

kicked him by the neck, and as she did

so the baby screamed in pain. Poodles's

teeth were fastened in his shoulder. By

that time Mrs. Reardon was thoroughly

frightened. She grabbed the cat by the

neck and choked him until he loosed

his hold on the baby and then lunged

him across the room with all her

strength. The shock of striking the wall

did not stun him, and the cat came

back with a rush and a spring that

carried him to Mrs. Reardon's back.

Mrs. Reardon strove to push the cat

into the hallway and shut the door.

The baby again and when Mrs. Reardon

tried to throw him to the floor he bit

deep into her hands. She succeeded in

choking the animal a second time and

threw him to the floor. While he was

recovering the mother rushed the cradle

into the hallway and escaped from the

room with the second child.

Neighbors had been brought from

other apartments by the woman's cries

for help. They were outside in the hall,

unable to lend a hand when the door

opened suddenly to emit her and the

child. One of them called Policeman

Fitzmaurice of the West 177th street

station. He summoned Mr. Reardon and

with him captured the cat and took him

to the station. Mrs. Reardon and the

baby had their wounds cauterized and

remained at home under the care of a

physician.

FREE SEED FUND DROPPED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—House pro-

visions in the agricultural appropriation

bill allowing \$387,000 for the annual

Congressional distribution of free seeds

were struck out to-day in the Senate.

Senator Harrison, Democrat, Missis-

sippi, led a fight for retention of the

appropriation but did not force a roll

call.

THERE'S only one Joe Vito, as you'll admit

when you read his "Setting the Pace" col-

umn daily on Sport pages of THE SUN.—Adv.

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MILLER TRANSIT
PLAN W. PASS,
CANVASS SHOWS

Opposition Admits Measure

Has Wide Margin in Sen-

ate and House.

8-CENT BOGEY IS LAID

Entrance of Senator John-

son Into Fight a Boom-

crang on Hylan.

FRIENDS GROW STRONGER

Governor's Supporters Count

Enough Votes Without

Lawmakers From City.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Albany, Feb. 22.

The opposition to Gov. Miller's plan

for rescuing New York city's battered

traction system practically admitted

defeat to-day after the first unofficial

canvass of the Senate. The best opo-

nents could do was to count four-

teen votes against the Governor's pro-

gramme, with seven Republicans

classed as doubtful.

In this canvass the opposition con-

cedes thirty sure votes to the Gov-

ernor's plan. This figure is by no

means accepted by the majority lead-

ers, who say they have more and

that the canvass merely shows the

hopelessness of the minority. The leg-

islation is no longer in danger, judg-

ing from the figures of the opposition.

Those backing the Governor say they

will have thirty-five or more votes in

the Senate and upward of ninety votes

in the Assembly.

There is every reason to believe that

five or six of those placed in the

doubtful list by the minority will

finally cast their ballots with the ma-

jority. Five of the doubtfuls came

from New York. They have reserved

opinions pending the public hearings

and further consideration.

But the leaders went a long way

toward winning several of the doubtfuls

when the announcement was made that

the transit bill would be amended to

meet the criticism that the commission

would have authority to raise fares

pending negotiations.

City Republicans Won Over.

With more authority restricted to

newspapers of the New York Repub-

licans and to rob the Hylan-Tam-

many band of its big political issue

the New York Republicans are breath-

ing easier. They believe they will have

little difficulty getting in line with their

party. The canvass of the Senate as

presented herewith represents merely

the judgment of half a dozen members

of that body who have been spending

days checking up on the names.

The betting fraternity in the Legis-

lature is offering even money that the

last count would give the Governor up-

wards of thirty-two votes in the Sen-

ate and more than eighty-five in the As-

sembly. No consideration is given in

the compilation of this list to the use

of the party caucus. If the Republican

majority is compelled to do so it may

lose its authority to round up several

votes. The leaders believe that will not

be necessary.

Where the Senate Stands.

Here is the canvass of the Senate as

reported to-day:

For the bill—Republicans: George I.

Thompson, William T. Simpson, Abra-

ham L. Katlin, Schuyler M. Meyer, C.

Ernest Smith, George T. Burling, Hol-

land S. Duell, Caleb H. Baumes, James

E. Towser, Charles W. Walton, Frank

L. Wiswall, Frederick E. Draper, Fred-

erick W. Kavanaugh, J. V. Ferris, W.

T. Thayer, T. D. Robinson, F. M. Daven-

port, Fred B. Pitcher, George R. Fer-

ron, Allen J. Bloomfield, Clayton R.

Lusk, Charles J. Hewitt, William A.

Carson, John Knight, James I. Whit-

ney, John B. Mullen, W. W. Campbell,

Seymour Lowman, W. H. Gibbs and D.

H. Ames.

Against the bill: J. McGarry, Daniel F.

Farrell, J. F. Twomey, James J. Walker,

John J. Hoylan, Bernard Downing, Na-

thaniel J. May, J. M. Glendon, until

John A. Cottino, Henry G. Schackno,

John J. Dunnigan and Emil Seidel.

Republicans—Ward V. Tolbert and

Charles C. Lovell.

Doubtful Republicans—Alvah W. Bur-

lingame, George M. Reischmann, Wil-

liam Duggan, Parton Swift, W. E. Mar-

tin, John L. Karle and Maxwell S.

Harris.

The situation in the Assembly is giv-

ing the leaders little concern. As it

stands Speaker Macdonald and his as-

sistants count they can lose all the New

York city votes, Republican and Demo-

cratic, and still have a safe majority.

There are sixty-two Republicans and

Democrats from New York in the As-

sembly and three up-State Democrats

against them. Therefore, allowing that

all the Republicans from New York are

a unit against the bill it still would

have a majority of ten in the lower

house.

There are thirty-two Republicans in

the New York delegation to the Assem-

bly, and about as many Democrats.

The leaders believe that perhaps

that number will vote for the Gov-

ernor's programme. The minimum they

give from New York is twelve, and that

is said to be based on declarations made

by the Assemblymen. The conservative

opinion of the experts gives from ninety

to ninety-five as the vote that body will

give for the bill.

Several Senators are having local

troubles which may compel them to

vote against their judgment. The bad

traction situation in the Capitol district,

involving the street car lines of five cities,

has influenced the law makers in this

district.

Senators Draper of Troy, Kavanaugh

of Albany, and

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White Sulphur Springs—The Greenbrier for

rest and recuperation. Bookings Please.—Adv.

Perpendicular Drinking
Seen as National Peril